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HIDEHIKO ASAI	)	
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Appln. No.: 10/762,342	)	
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Filed: January 23, 2004	)	
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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS,	)	
IMAGE REPEAT METHOD AND	:	
LAYOUT METHOD OF METHOD	)	
OF IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS,	:	October 20, 2006
PROGRAMS OF IMAGE REPEAT	)	
METHOD AND LAYOUT METHOD,	:	
AND STORAGE MEDIUM STORING	)	
PROGRAMS	:	

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the foreign documents are also enclosed.

The listed documents were cited in a Notification of Reason for Refusal of a corresponding Japanese application, and may be relevant for the reasons noted therein. An

English language translation of the Notification of Reason for Refusal is included for the Examiner's convenience.

JP 5-183723 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,289,570.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER'S INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	<b>5,289,570</b>	<b>02/1994</b>	<b>Suzuki</b>			

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
<b>5-183723</b>	<b>07/1993</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>
<b>2002-16812</b>	<b>01/2002</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>
<b>2002-335388</b>	<b>01/2002</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>

## OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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